



Gail Farber  
Director of Public Works

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## AVIATION COMMISSION

*"To Enrich Lives Through Effective and Caring Service"*

900 SOUTH FREMONT AVENUE  
ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA 91803-1331  
Telephone: (626) 300-4602  
<http://dpw.lacounty.gov>

## COMMISSIONERS

PENELOPE CORNWALL  
CHAIR

GEORGE G. BUTTS  
VICE-CHAIRMAN

ANGELO R. CARDONO  
SECRETARY

EVELYN JEROME ALEXANDER  
MEMBER

PETER AMUNDSON  
MEMBER

BOBBY E. CHASE  
MEMBER

HARVEY HOLLOWAY  
MEMBER

DENNIS C. LORD  
MEMBER

CLINTON SIMMONS  
MEMBER

ARON A. WOLF  
MEMBER

### LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION OCTOBER 28, 2009, MEETING WHITEMAN AIRPORT 12653 OSBORNE STREET PACOIMA, CA 91331-2192

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Vice Chairman George G. Butts  
Secretary Angelo R. Cardono  
Commissioner Harvey Holloway  
Commissioner Bobby E. Chase  
Commissioner Clinton Simmons  
Commissioner Evelyn Jerome Alexander  
Commissioner Dennis C. Lord  
Commissioner Aron A. Wolf

#### OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Chair Penelope Cornwall  
Commissioner Peter Amundson

#### LOS ANGELES COUNTY - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Diego Cadena, Deputy Director, Administration  
Mr. Richard L. Smith, Chief, Aviation Division  
Mr. George Gomez, Staff Assistant, Aviation Division

#### AMERICAN AIRPORTS - AIRPORT SERVICES DIVISION STAFF

Mr. Scott Wardle, Regional Director  
Mr. Jared Fox-Tuck, Manager, Brackett Field Airport  
Mr. Andrew Marino, Manager, Compton/Woodley Airport  
Mr. Rafael Herrera, Manager, El Monte Airport  
Mr. Jason Morgan, Manager, Whiteman Airport

#### GUESTS

Mr. Gary Golson, Compton/Woodley Airport  
Mr. Don Hagopian, Whiteman Airport Association  
Mrs. Shellie Hagopian, Whiteman Airport Association  
Mr. Edward R. Sause, American Airports Corporation  
Mrs. Leslie Dinius, Whiteman Airport  
Mr. John Clausen, Whiteman Airport

Mr. Tim Quinn, Whiteman Airport  
Mr. Jim Hayden, Whiteman Airport  
Mr. Victor Mayen, A.C. Flying Club  
Mr. Jared Chacon, A.C. Flying Club  
Mr. Jack Kenton, Compton/Woodley Airport  
Mr. Bill Logan, Whiteman Airport

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman Butts called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

### **I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Aron Wolf led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **II. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION**

#### **A. September 30, 2009, Minutes**

The commission adopted the minutes on a motion by Commissioner Evelyn Jerome Alexander seconded by Commissioner Clinton Simmons.

#### **B. American Airports - Project Manager's Report**

Mr. Scott Wardle reported on events at General Wm. J. Fox Airfield:

- A Chili Cook-off with a Car and Airplane Show is scheduled for October 31, 2009, at 10 a.m. This event will be hosted by Fox Field Airport in conjunction with the Lancaster Rotary Club.
- On September 15, 2009, Ms. Julie Clark, an aerobatics pilot, visited the airport for an autograph-signing event.
- Minor damages to the fencing and landscaping of the airport caused by high winds have been corrected.

Mr. Andrew Marino reported on events at Compton/Woodley Airport:

- Construction of the Compton/Woodley Airport Pavement Rehabilitation project is scheduled to begin Monday, November 2, 2009.

Runway 25-R will be closed Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. until Phase I of the project is completed. Also, the main gate along Alondra Boulevard will be closed, and the self-fuel Island will not be available during this construction. Flyers providing information and project updates have been distributed throughout the airport and to the other County airports.

Mr. Jared Fox-Tuck reported on events at Brackett Field Airport:

- In a coordinated effort between the Aviation Division and the County's Department of Parks and Recreation, 45 to 50 trees will be trimmed on the western perimeter of the airport.
- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) picnic area improvements project is moving forward and near completion.
- No updates to report on the construction project on the southeast area of the airport.
- 20 foot of fencing will be replaced due to a small vehicle incident.
- Construction of the taxiway exit project will start November 30, 2009.

Mr. Rafael Herrera reported on events at El Monte Airport:

- On October 8, 2009, in anticipation of Veteran's Day, the U.S. and the California flags were replaced with new ones in the terminal building.
- On October 9, 2009, El Monte Airport hosted a meeting for the El Monte School District.
- On October 16, 2009, El Monte Airport hosted an airport tour for Pearl Preparatory School. Over 25 kindergarten and first-grade children attended this event.
- All handicapped signs were replaced in the terminal parking lot with highly durable and reflective signs.
- A preconstruction meeting was held this morning to discuss the taxiway development project. Construction is scheduled to begin December 2009.

Mr. Jason Morgan reported on events at Whiteman Airport:

- APIP 60 LLC will be constructing 5 additional hangars adjacent to the existing U.S. Marshal Hangar.
- The Whiteman Airport Association meeting was held on October 10, 2009. The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2009, at 7 p.m.
- A meeting was held with Jorge Villanueva and Gustavo Morales, leaders of the Pacoima Beautiful Group, to discuss and introduce to them a new information pamphlet regarding the next master plan public meeting. The pamphlet will be distributed throughout the Pacoima community.
- Lighting improvements were completed at the public area as part of the security and safety recommendations from airport tenants.

- On November 6, 2009, a new air conditioning system will be installed in the air traffic control tower.
- The airport currently has 10-vacant hangars.

### **C. County Contract Administrator's Report – Mr. Richard Smith**

The Commission was provided with copies of the September 2009 expense and revenue report, and Mr. Richard Smith offered to answer any questions.

Commissioner Simmons asked if the expenses under Grants Management are internal charges within the Department. Mr. Smith responded that the reason Grants Management is charging the Aviation Division is because they have been working closely with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant for Compton/Woodley Airport.

Commissioner Aron Wolf asked why charges under staff support have increased. Mr. Smith stated the labor cost has increased this current year due to full staffing in the division, and the charges reflecting in the increase from July to September will be researched and reported next month.

- A draft final report has been received for the Whiteman Airport Master Plan Update. Aviation Division is working with the Environmental Planning & Assessments Section of Programs Development Division to do an initial study for development Alternative 1.
- The Federal Aviation Administration approved the contract for the Master Plan Update at Fox Airfield. The consultants will be present at the next Aviation Commission meeting to introduce their company and provide a short presentation.
- Move in for the Compton/Woodley Airport Pavement Rehabilitation project has begun with the delivery of k-rails, low-profile barricades, chainlink fencing, and office trailers. Construction is expected to begin November 2, 2009.

### **D. Whiteman Airport Additional Items**

No additional items to report.

## **III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM**

Mr. Bill Logan expressed concern about the construction of 50-foot hangars stating that his personal preference is 30 and 40-foot hangars to be considered for upcoming construction projects.

Mr. Gary Golson inquired about the lighting replacement at Compton/Woodley Airport. He also expressed concern about whether airport users would have to buy fuel and pay the truck price when the fuel island closes during construction.

Mr. Scott Wardle stated that he would discuss this concerns and comments with upper management.

Mr. Jack Kenton expressed his concern about hangar and runway access during construction. He stated that 90 days of construction is a long period of time, and he would like to have American Airports consider reasonable rent reductions.

Mr. Jared Chacon of AC Flying Club asked the Commission to consider the inconvenience and the economic impact of the project on businesses and airport tenants. He also requested a rent reduction during the 3 months of construction.

#### **OTHER ITEMS**

Mr. Smith informed the Commission that former Aviation Commissioner, Edward L. Brantley I, passed away, as a result of health issues related to his heart.

Commissioner Lord indicated that he met with members of Homeland Security and the California Emergency Management Agency to discuss grant opportunities for security upgrades at Compton/Woodley Airport. The members of Homeland Security recommended conducting a security assessment at Compton/Woodley Airport. Commissioner Lord, in conjunction with airport manager, Andrew Marino, volunteered to create a Security Assessment Committee and invited members of the Commission to participate in this endeavor.

Commissioner Lord shared with the Commission his rewarding experience while participating in the 50th Anniversary of Catalina Airport on October 18, 2009, where 141 aircraft landed on the airport and 400 people attended the event.

#### **IV. NEXT AVIATION COMMISSION MEETING:**

**Wednesday, November 25, 2009, 10 a.m.  
General WM. J. Fox Airfield  
4555 West Avenue G  
Lancaster, CA 93536-8401  
(661) 940-1709**

Commissioner Jerome Alexander adjourned the meeting in memory of Former Aviation Commissioner Edward L. Brantley I, at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angelo R. Cardono, Secretary  
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission